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DATE OF CONTENT 8 to 16 May 1952 25X1A

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REMARKS Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 were previously reported

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1. Source learned from an informant that five trains with T-34 tanks were unloaded in Rostock (II 55/0 81) on 8 May.  Three trains with AT guns of about 100-mm were unloaded on 9 May and three trains carrying equipment and construction material were unloaded on 12 May. The material was hauled to the Putlitz Kaserne. The informant stated that a total of 15,000 troops was stationed in Rostock and 4,000 at the Markgrafenheide airfield.  25X1X 25X1X

2. On 16 May, three locomotive engineers stated that, beginning early May, shipments were unloaded at the harbor of Stralsund (II 55/P 14) and rail shipments were sent to Ruegen Island. Streets were evacuated by the civilian population in Bergen (II 55/P 76) and also in Sassnitz (II 55/P 87) to provide quarters for 3,000 troops each. 25X1X 25X1X

3. Source learned  that on 9 May the Larow-Dinzig-Prora road was blocked to civilian traffic because of the traffic of troops who were arriving. The troops were billeted in apartment houses in Bergen and Sassnitz and in a tent camp in Prora. \*\* 25X1B

4. At 6 p.m. on 10 May, a train of 20 boxcars and 40 flatcars with sideracks with soldiers, 20 Stalin tractors, between 30 and 40 model 30 field howitzers of 122 mm caliber and ZIS-3 x 76.2-mm field guns, 25 trucks including three of the  passed through Stendal (II 53/Y 85) toward Wittenberge. \*\*\* 25X1B

5. At 7:15 a.m. on 12 May, a train of 20 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars carried 4 x 100-mm AT guns, 6 rocket launchers, 6  trucks and personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The train was ready for departure. \*\* 25X1B

25X1A \*  Comment. This information somewhat confirms information by another source on units of the corps artillery brigade of the LXXXIX Koz Rifle Corps unloaded in Altengrabow. During the period from 6 to 10 May 1952, another source saw the unloading of 13 shipments in Rostock. These shipments were then hauled to the barracks installation on Ulmenstrasse and the Putlitz Kaserne.

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[REDACTED] As shipments of tanks to this area are unusual, the observations by the informant on 8 May 1952 and the pertaining strength estimates which appear substantially over-rated must be forwarded with reservations. Previous information indicated that the Markgrafenheide airfield, east of Warnemünde, was occupied by civilians and a Soviet naval detachment.

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. The information on unloadings at the Stralsund harbor possibly corresponds with similar observations at the harbor of Rostock during the same period. [REDACTED] However, other information indicated that no Soviet merchant ships were unloaded at Stralsund harbor during the period from 1 to 8 May 1952. The observations on Ruegen Island confirm previous information on rail shipments of the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) from Schwerin to Bergen during the period from 8 to 12 May 1952. [REDACTED] One of these trains most probably was the train seen on 12 May 1952 which is reported in paragraph 5.

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\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. The train mentioned in paragraph 5 of the present report carried elements of the corps artillery brigade of the LXXIX Mts Rifle Corps which probably moved from Altengrabow to Rostock.

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